COSTA RICA

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2018?  
No, missed deadline

Was the Annual Report made public?  
Yes

Was a ‘nil’ report submitted for exports or imports in 2017?  
No

Was data withheld for ‘commercial sensitivity/national security-related’ reasons?  
No

Good practices:
Costa Rica provided clear, disaggregated data for every reported export and import in 2017.
Costa Rica reported disaggregated imports of ammunition under voluntary national categories.
Costa Rica provided descriptions for all small arms exports and imports under voluntary national categories, as well as comments for all exports.

Room for improvement:
Costa Rica reported an aggregated total of eight exports in the small arms category B and an aggregated total of 3,729 imports in the small arms category B, making it impossible to analyse the Number of items transferred and their destinations.

Transfer summary - 2017: Export Data
• Costa Rica reported a total of eight exports of small arms in voluntary national categories, all of which were to Guatemala. Comments on these transfers specify that the arms were transferred when a private citizen relocated from Costa Rica to Guatemala.

Transfer summary - 2017: Import Data
• Costa Rica reported imports in 2017 from eight countries. Of these, six were ATT States Parties and two were Signatories.
• Costa Rica reported the import of 3,729 small arms. The major small arms exporters were the United States (80 per cent) and Austria (12 per cent).
• Costa Rica reported the import of 13.6m units of ammunition. The United States accounted for 98 per cent of all of Costa Rica’s imports of ammunition during 2017.